



## The Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital

99th Medical Group and VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System

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#### Overview



- Sharing Relationship
- Successes
- Challenges
- Future Activity



## **Sharing Relationship**



 The Sole Inpatient facility for DoD and VA beneficiaries in Southern Nevada

 Leveraging capabilities of the joint venture partners to enhance healthcare services for all beneficiaries

Where it all began...



## **Sharing Relationship**



- Fully integrated effort in the ICU,
   ED, OR, Anesthesia, PACU
- Cooperative effort on the medical and psychiatric wards as well as with specialist referrals
- Integrated ancillary support: radiology, lab, pharmacy, nutritional services



#### **Keys to Success**



- Regular, open dialogue is essential
- Track key concerns/items in formal minutes
- Establish an atmosphere of trust
- Avoid inclination to focus on insignificant issues
- Important to use "we"
- Leadership sets the tone



#### Successes



- Staffing: Hiring flexibility allows positions to be filled faster
- Resource sharing
- Compliance: Use of single set of standards...default to highest standard
- Training: Joint training starts with Newcomers...joint training tracker in development



### Challenges



- Space: Limitations in the MOFH...new
   AF clinic space procured near the flight line
- Systems: Two systems with limited and unreliable interface...workaround by bringing all providers up on both
- Access to the physical plant: Increased security has created hardships for VA patients
- Operating Room time: Surgical backlog
- Prep for the new VA medical center



#### **Future Activity**



- New VA Community Based
   Outpatient Clinics with additional
   space for Air Force satellite clinics
- Diagnostic Cardiac Catheterization (JIF)
- Hyperbaric Chamber
- Air Force growth of services
  - Family Medicine Residency (2009)
  - Nephrology, Hem-Onc, Allergy, GI, Cardiology, Critical Care

# VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System



**New Hospital Construction** 

#### **VASNHS Medical Center Scope**

90 Inpatient Beds (MOFH 104)

Medical Surgical = 48 Beds

ICU and Step Down = 22 Beds

Mental Health = 20 Beds

120 Bed Nursing Home and Extended Care Unit
Sub Acute/Interim Care = 20 Beds
Neuro-Geropsychiatric Care Unit = 20 Beds
Alzheimer's/Dementia Care = 20 Beds
Inpatient Rehabilitation Care = 20 Beds
Inpatient Hospice/Palliative Care = 20 Beds
Extended Care - 20 Beds

# Hospital Complex Target Award Dates

Phase 1 - Central Plant and Offsite Package

Awarded: September, 2006 - Complete: April, 2008

Phase 2 – Foundation Package

Awarded: September, 2007 - Complete: May, 2008

Phase 3 – Nursing Home RFP Package

Awarded: September, 2007 - Complete: August, 2009

Phase 4 – Main Hospital Package

Award: April, 2008 - Complete: December, 2010

Activation – 6 to 12 months following construction completion

**Planned Opening - Mid 2011**